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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING MAY 25

REF: (A) GENEVA 2611, (B) GENEVA 3867, (C) STATE 118158

1. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MAY 25 WILL PRODUCE CLEAR CONSENSUS ON THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE (ITF) ISSUE. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE 1980-81 BIENNIA SHOULD BE A PERIOD FOR A "PAUSE FOR CONSOLIDATION" IN THE FOUR TARGET AGENCIES. WE WOULD PLAN AT THE SAME TIME NOT TO BE OVER RESISTANT TO ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES WHICH WOULD PERMIT MODEST REAL BUDGET INCREASES, BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT EXCEPT ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS WITH EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS.

2. AS REQUESTED REFTEL (A), PARA 7B, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE APPROACH BEING TAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO ANALYSIS OF THE WHO BUDGET. NOT ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD THIS BE EDIFYING FOR SOTHERS, BUT IT COULD REINFORCE THE DETERMINATION WE WISH TO EXHIBIT IN APPROACHING THE "CONSOLIDATION" IN A POSITIVE AND ANALYTIC MANNER.

3. WE ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN RESPONDING TO THE REACTIONS OF TOERS TO THE US PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO

THE FAO BUDGET, BUT (PER HENNES/GRIP TELCON) WILL MAKE THE POINT THAT THE INCREASE WE ARE PREPARED TO SEE IN THE NEXT BIENNIUM DOES NOT PRJUDICE OUR DTERMINATION FOR A "PAUSE OFR CONSOLIDATION" IN THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM.

- 4. GIVEN THE REPORTING FROM PARIS ON GENEVA GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN UNESCO ON THE ITF PROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISEST TO EXTRACT THE IMPRESSIONS OF OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ON THE UNESCO PROBLEM WITHOUT PRESSING UNDULY UNTIL THIS CAN BE ASSESSED.
- 5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY THE MISSION WILL PROCEED IN THIS POSTURE IN THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) CONSULTATIONS MAY 25.
- 6. ANDREW AND DE CAIRES CONCUR FOR THE FOREGOING AND HAVE PROVIDED TALKING POINTS ON THE INFO REQUESTED PARA 7B REFTEL (A), AS THIS APPLIES TO WHO.SORENSON

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